

HOUSE BILL 477

By Brooks H

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to class size in public schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-104(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following language as a new subdivision (2):

(2) By no later than February 1, 2008, the state board of education, in consultation with the department of education, shall develop a system of weights whereby the needs of students with disabilities or those eligible for special education services shall be given more weight than the needs of students without disabilities and those who are not eligible for special education services. The system of weights shall be used to reduce the maximum class size in all classrooms that include students with disabilities and students eligible for special education services. These standards shall take effect in the 2008-2009 academic year.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.